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Steve Bullock, Governor

Richard H. Opper,
Director

March 16, 2016

Dear ,

We are pleased to invite comment from all Tribal Chairs, Tribal Presidents, Urban Indian Center Directors and Indian Health Service regarding the renewal of the Montana Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (formerly known as the Basic Waiver).

On or before April 29, 2016, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit a renewal request for the current Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval. This waiver will be effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019. The waiver renewal includes: 1) up to 3,000 individuals below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level with Severe Disabling Mental Illness who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid; 2) individuals who are categorically eligible for Medicaid as Aged, Blind, or Disabled who are eligible for an enhanced Dental Treatment Services package; and 3) all non-expansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on modified adjusted gross income who will receive a 12 month continuous eligibility period. Two separate public meetings to solicit comment on this renewal will be held.

The first public meeting will be on March 31, 2016, 9 a.m., at 1400 Broadway, Room C205, Helena, Montana 59601. To join the audio portion of the WebEx, call 1-877-668-4490 (806 032 202 access code); and access the internet presentation at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthCarePrograms/BasicMedicaid/BasicMedicaid1115Waiver>.

The second meeting will be held April 5, 2016, 11 a.m. at 2121B Rosebud Drive, Billings, Montana 59102. To join the audio portion of the WebEx call 1-877-668-4490 (805 214 313 access code); access the internet presentation at the above website and view waiver renewal materials.

The Department is committed to an extensive public process. We want you to have an opportunity to review the proposed action, understand the concepts, and offer your comments.

We invite your comments and questions until midnight **April 15, 2016**. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at

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(406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210. Please let us know if you would like to arrange a date and time to discuss this waiver renewal.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Dalton
State Medicaid Director

Cc: Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
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